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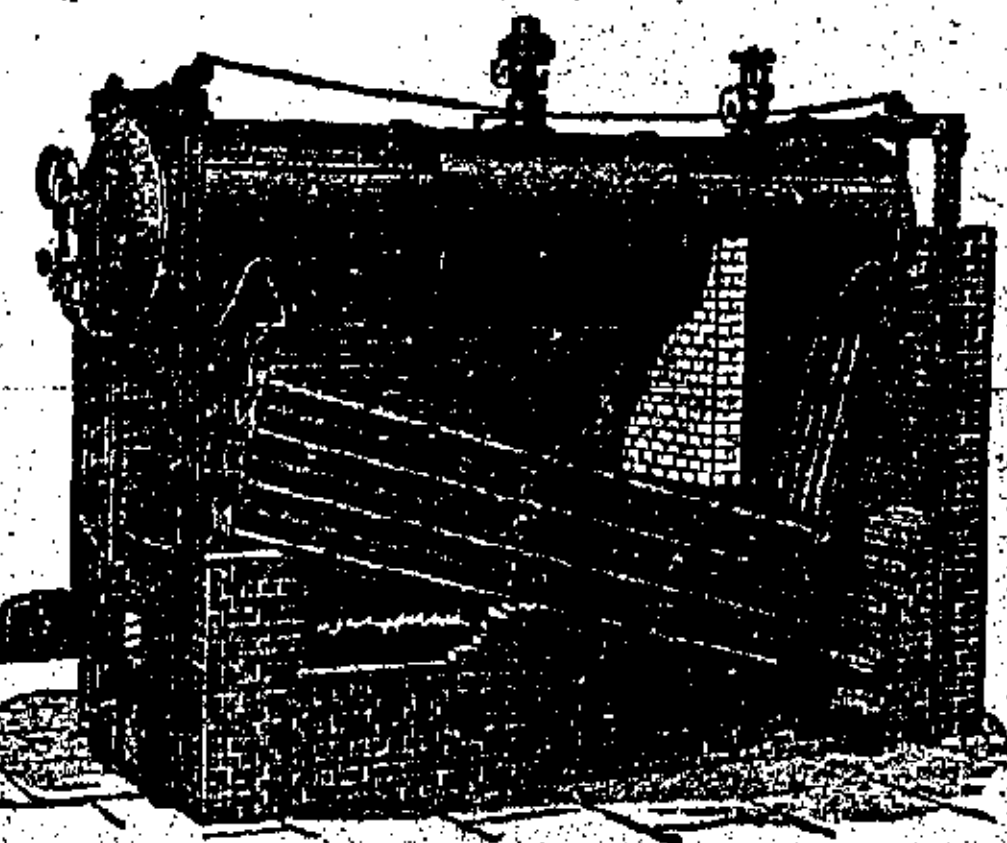
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Hongkong, November 8, 1899. 2434

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and SHING YAM TONG, PARTNERS
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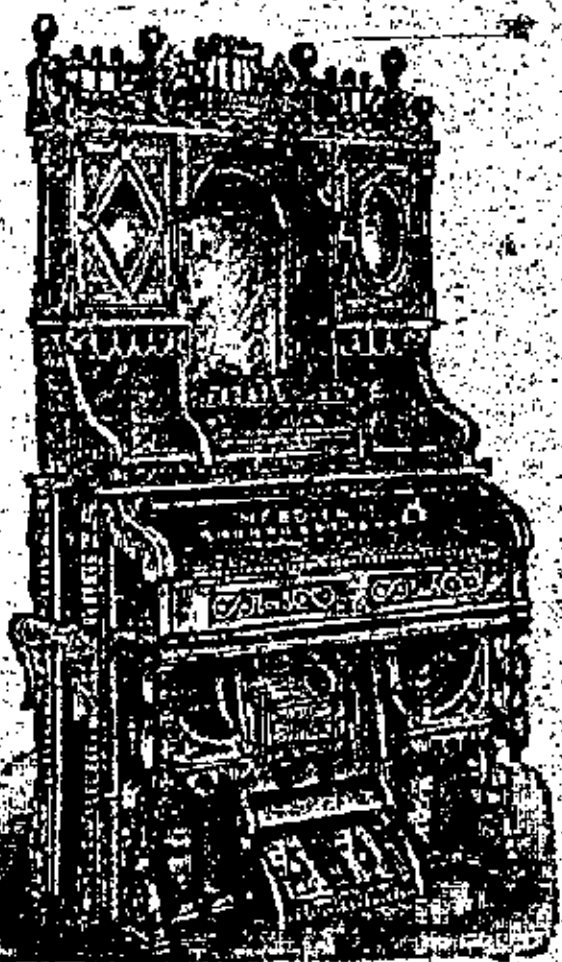
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AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on account
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Instant, on Warrants to be obtained from
the Undersigned. Local Shareholders are
requested to apply to the Company's Office
for their Warrants.
The DIVIDEND will also be Payable at
the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANK,
Shanghai, on presentation of Warrants
there, on and after the same date.
The REGISTER of SHARES will be
CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 21st Inst.,
until WEDNESDAY, the 20th Instant,
both days inclusive, during which period
No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order,
A. E. MANCINI,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 11, 1899. 2460

TWO LECTURES

Will be delivered in the
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by
MR. CUTHBERT LAYTON,
from England.
1. TUESDAY, November 14th.
The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus
Christ. Signs of the Times, and Impending
Judgments.
2. THURSDAY, November 16th.
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we live.
Lectures at 8.00 p.m. Doors open at
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EVERY COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE PROVIDED FOR GUESTS
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CHOICEST CHOCOLATE. CHOCOLATE CREAMS.
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News from the Philippines.

General Bates has gone to Jolo as Governor-General of Mindanao.

The death is reported from Manila of a Filipino widow at the ripe old age of 100 years.

Several outposts are reported in the neighbourhood of Manila. Apparently the American troops are still working within a restricted area.

It is reported from Negros that the hands of baylanes and talismans have been broken up, and peace restored, and that the island is once more safe for the planters.

The Jesuit Fathers in charge of the Manila Observatory have supplied the local newspapers with long and interesting communications regarding the approaching meteoric shower.

Plans are being prepared by Lieut. Connor, U. S. Engineers, for widening the Puente de España in Manila. It is expected that much of the material for the reconstruction of the bridge will be obtained from Hongkong and Singapore.

Captain French, of the 30th U. S. Infantry (Volunteer Regiment), who was so wounded in a fight near Iloilo, a few days ago, that he had to undergo an operation, died in the First Reserve Hospital at Manila on the 1st inst.

Mr. Ruperto Santiago, a rich Iloilo merchant, is under arrest on suspicion of complicity in a plot to murder the American governor and peaceable natives. General Hughes, who unearthed a similar plot in Manila in February last, is credited with taking prompt measures to nip the Iloilo plot in the bud. A large number of Tagalog bolos (as they are called) were arrested.

The small white boat *Loban*, which the *Quinto* sent to the Navy station at Cavite with a prize crew aboard may soon be allowed to go free. The boat flies a British flag, and was sent here from the southern islands under suspicion; but after the goal was removed from her holding of a contraband nature was found. The boat has been replaced, and the boat awaits the action of the authorities.

A terrible murder was committed in the house of a well-to-do Spanish family in Plaza Palacio, Manila, on the 31st October, when Ramon Herrera shot Juan Vidal three times in the body, death resulting from the wounds. Herrera (who was secretary to the Belgian Consul) and his wife lodged with the Vidals, and Senior Herrera has been in ill-health for some time. He is now under arrest.

In the town of Cabal on the 31st October, a small party of American troops captured two small brass cannons, 120 loaded Hotchkiss shells for mountain guns, 5000 rounds of Mauser ammunition, 40,000 rounds of other cartridges, a quantity of powder and reloading tools, one Mauser rifle, and 60 sacks of flour. Near the Rio Grande, 40 bullock carts and a large insurgent storehouse filled with provisions were taken.

It is reported (says the *Manila Times* of the 3rd inst.) that Sr. Riazares, Chundian and J. Luna, three prominent Filipinos, are now at the American outpost of Angeles with their families, waiting for General Otis' permission to come into Manila. It seems that the General permits but the women at present to pass into Manila. J. Luna is a physician, brother of the late A. Luna, and he, as well as Sr. Riazares and Chundian, have made up their minds to retire from political affairs.

The Navy Hospital at Cavite now has thirty-three patients. The only officer on the list, Lieut. Hill, who was wounded in the groin, Oct. 8, is doing nicely. The other wounded and sick are slowly recovering. A remarkable case is that of Private McDonald, of the Marines, who was wounded with two bullets through his skull on the above date. At first McDonald's sight was such that he could barely distinguish when a hand was placed before his face, but slowly his eyesight is returning.

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Notes by the Way.

The wife and family of Paterno, Aguinaldo's Secretary of War, have returned to Manila.

On Saturday afternoon, H.M.S. *Centurion* and *Albatross* arrived from the North.

There is an epidemic of steam laundries in Far Eastern ports. Are we to escape at last from the hold bad laundryman?

Four Spanish prisoners who have arrived in Manila state that there are two British officers in the hands of the Filipino insurgents. This is probably a mistake.

Major-General Douvroux is about to leave St. Petersburg for England on an official visit, having been commissioned by the Minister of War to visit the British military establishments for the purpose of studying the system of physical instruction adopted there.

Government Notifications.
It is notified in the Gazette that Mr. Max Kutschera has resumed his duties as Consul for Austria-Hungary.

The appointment of Dr. J. H. Swan to be a supernumerary Surgeon Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps is gazetted.

A proclamation is published in the Gazette prohibiting the export of arms for a further period of four months from the 23rd November.

The stamp revenue last month amounted to \$39,033, being an increase of \$12,104 on the amount collected in the corresponding month last year.

The maximum temperature last month was 83.4, on the 16th, and the minimum 65.9, on the 24th. The mean for the month was 74.8. The rainfall amounted to 0.875 in.

Museum.
There were 138 European and 1,699 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Museum during the week ending 12th November.

Golf Championship.
We would direct the attention of golf players to the notice which appears elsewhere relating to the Amateur Golf Championship of India and the East. Singapore and Penang players enter for this competition, and it is hoped one or two representative players from Hongkong may be found among the entrants.

Football Match.
On Saturday afternoon, a football match was played at Causeway Bay between the English F.C. and A. Company. The English were victorious.

Three of their team, and commenced the game with substitutes, one of whom retired very early, leaving the civilians to struggle on with ten men. The result was naturally all in favour of the soldiers, who won by 2 goals to nil.

Football.
The Hongkong Rugby Football Club will play the Royal Welsh Fustlers on Tuesday, 14th November, at 4.30 p.m. The following will represent the H.K. F.C.:—

H. E. Green, Back; Dr. Tuck, P. Cox, M. Wilkinson, H. Hancock, three quarters; W. Stevens, A. Williamson, halves; E. Murrell, W. Loring, A. McArthur, A. R. East, E. E. Deacon, H. Lewis, A. Beattie, R. Castle (Capt.).

Cathedral Beotal.
It is seldom so large a congregation assembled in St. John's Cathedral, for the evening service, as gathered together yesterday. They were amply rewarded by one of the finest displays of instrumental harmony heard here for years past. Mr. A. G. Ward presided at the organ, and Mr. Heymans played the violin in a manner which for sympathy, accuracy and strength has seldom been heard in Hongkong. To hear the two finely tuned instruments, the organ and the violin, in the hands of efficient players, was a great pleasure.

Counterfeit Coins.
A Chinaman was arrested by the Police yesterday in possession of 88 ten-cent pieces and 4 twenty-cent pieces (counterfeit). The defendant purchased some plush and velvet from a shop in Hollywood Road and tendered some of the counterfeit coin in payment. The shopman refused the money and said he would call the Police. Defendant, becoming alarmed, paid for his purchases with a 85 note. The shopman handed him back the counterfeit money, but observing his customer had more bad coin in his possession he called an Indian constable and handed the man over to his custody. At the Magistrate's day, defendant was committed for trial.

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It will not be a surprise to any who are at all familiar with the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, to know that people everywhere take pleasure in relating their experiences in the use of that splendid medicine and in telling of the benefit they have derived from it. Of bad colds it has cured, of throat and chest affections it has cured, and of the children it has saved from attacks of croup and whooping cough. It is a pleasant and reliable remedy for all such ailments. For sale by ALL DRUGGISTS, and by A. S. Watson & Co., General Agents.

Return of Bank Notes.
The following returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th Sept., as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published:—

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Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.	\$2,500,000	\$1,500,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.	\$778,418	\$1,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited.	449,204	1,250,000
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News from Capetown dated 9th inst. says that General Buller had received news from General White, by pigeon post, that the Boers were daily bombarding Ladysmith with heavy guns at a long range.

Few casualties had occurred and no serious harm had been done. The entrenchments are daily growing stronger and provisions are ample. General White also mentions that the Boers had fired on a flag of truce and Major Gale of the Royal Engineers was wounded.

General Buller has ordered that the *Rocka Castle*, with Major-General Hilliard and the troops on board, shall proceed to Durban. This is regarded as indicative that the relief of General White is General Buller's first consideration.H. M. S. S. *Terrible* and *Thetis* have arrived at Durban.

FRANCE.

The trial against M. Doroulès and M. Guerin has opened on the charge of plotting against the Republic.

THE UNITED STATES ELECTIONS.

A partial return of the State elections shows an upholding of President McKinley's policy.

(L'Avenir du Tonkin.)

FRENCH HATRED TO ENGLAND.

PARIS, November 4.

The Municipal Council of Paris has passed a resolution expressing its sympathy with the Boers, and expressing regret at the non-intervention of Europe.

LADYSMITH.

There has been nothing new at Ladysmith since the 31st October. Despatches in the newspapers only state that Ladysmith was quiet on the morning of the 3rd inst.

PARIS, November 5.

It is stated that the British troops abandoned Colenso without fighting, and have been concentrated further South.

(The Tribune of Manila.)

SPANISH PRISONERS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

MADRID, Nov. 2.

In the Spanish Senate to-day, Conde de las Alcañices claimed that the Treaty of Paris concluded between Spain and the United States, failed to include the Batin group of islands, North of Luzon, which is a favorable ground on which to base negotiations for speedy release of Spanish prisoners.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon, H. E. Sir Henry A. Blake, G.O.M.G., presided. There were present—H. E. Major-General Gascoigne, C.M.G.; Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G.; Colonel Secretary; Hon. H. E. Pollock, Acting Attorney General; Hon. F. H. May, Captain Superintendent of Police; Hon. R. D. Ormsby, Director of Public Works; Hon. A. M. Thomson, Acting Colonial Treasurer; Hon. R. Murray Ramsey, Harbour Master; Hon. C. P. Chatter, H. K. T. H. Whitehead, E. R. Bellis, C.M.G.; J. J. Kowick and Hon. Wei Yuk, and Mr. R. F. Johnston, Acting Clerk of Council.

The Colonial Secretary laid upon the table the Financial Minutes Nos. 20 to 24, and moved that they be committed to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Carried.

The Colonial Treasurer laid upon the table a corrected statement of the Financial Minutes accompanying the Draft Estimates for 1900. He said there was an important error made in the Statement A, which made the estimated balance of assets at the end of this year less than it should have been.

Mr. Whitehead said in connection with the corrected statement appeared from the assets on the 31st December last year were \$213,000 odd, and from this statement dated 30th September, that the balance was \$231,000 odd on 31st September last year. A statement of that nature was an incomplete and unintelligible without some explanation. There could not be two assets on the same date, for one must be wrong. The explanation should be given in the statement.

The Colonial Treasurer said this was the form in which it had been published before, but he would have the matter looked into.

Mr. Whitehead pointed out there was a deduction of \$123,000 from the balance of the assets of the balance of the 1893 loan. It would be a matter of very great interest to the members of the Council in connection with the estimates for next year if a statement of the funds of the loan were given. The details of the loan for each public work for which the money was borrowed, and whether there was any balance of that public loan remaining in hand.

QUESTIONS.

Mr. Whitehead asked the questions which stood in his name:—

(1) With reference to the report dated 30th May last of the Principal Civil Medical Officer, which gives the number of first class private paying patients as 65 for 1895, 53 for 1897, and 48 for 1898, will the Hon. the Colonial Secretary lay on the table a statement showing the average number of days the said patients occupied beds in each of those years, the aggregate amount of money received in each of those years from first class private paying patients, and the estimated actual cost to Government of each of the said first class patients?

(2) Will the Hon. the Director of Public Works lay on the table a statement showing the area and the estimated value of the land at 'Mountain Lodge' on which it is proposed to erect a summer residence for His Excellency the Governor?

The Colonial Secretary said—in reply to the first question, I beg to lay upon the table a statement giving the information desired, and in the last portion of the question. With regard to the Principal Civil Medical Officer reports that to obtain the information asked for would entail much labour, and the employment of a special clerk, owing to the fact that the list, extra, medicines &c., very each day with each patient, and to the difficulty of determining in accurate proportions the cost of medical, nursing and clerical staffs respectively. The statement now laid on the table will be printed if honourable members so desire.

The Director of Public Works, replying to the second question, said—The area is proposed to retain round Mountain Lodge is about 14 acres; most if not all of which is situated in the policy of the Government buildings. Fully 12 acres is within the Police station area and therefore unsuitable. The remainder is steep and rocky and may be valued at \$5,000.

Mr. Whitehead said the area in the statement were so limited that he did not think it would be necessary to go to the expense of printing it.

THE INSANITARY PROPERTIES BILL.

The Council then went into Committee to consider the Insanitary Properties Bill clause by clause. Committee on the Bill was called.

The Colonial Secretary then proposed that the next item on the orders of the day be discharged. The Estimates were still being considered by the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency then adjourned the Council till Thursday week, the meeting of the Finance Committee to consider the estimates being fixed for Wednesday week at three o'clock.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the Council meeting, when the following votes were recommended:—

VICTORIA ROAD.

A sum of \$1,400 in aid of the following Votes:—Provisions for Prisoners, \$300.00; Fuel and Soap, \$500.00—Total \$1,400.00.

A sum of \$4,019.55 in aid of the following Votes:—Provisions, \$2,800.00; Medical Comforts, \$200.00; Fuel and Light, \$300.00; Washing, \$60.00; Incidentals, \$400.00; Coal for Health Officer's Launch, \$120.00; Repairs for Launch, \$129.55—Total, \$4,019.55.

TELEGRAMS.

A sum of \$7,700, in aid of the Vote 'Telegrams sent and received by Government'.

The Chairman said this was for telegrams in connection with the new territory, the West River, &c.

POLICE FORCE.

A sum of \$14,000 for the purchase of Arms and other Stores for the Police Force.

The Chairman said it was considered desirable to re-arm the Police with the Martini-Enfield carbine, and this vote was for that purpose.

Mr. Whitehead said he was against the item; he presumed there would be an asset of the old arms.

The Captain Superintendent of Police said the arms were practically worn out. They would not realise anything worth having.

The Chairman said he was sure if a price could be got for them they would not be lost.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

A sum of \$2,700, in aid of the following Votes:—In the Sanitary Department, \$200.00; Uniform for Staff, \$500.00; Electric Lighting of Central Market, \$1,200.00; Watering Streets, \$800.00—Total \$2,700.00.

THE WAR.

NEWS FROM DUTCH SOURCES.

CONTRADICTORY REPORTS.
(THE HAVRE, Oct. 23.)The British recovered a train which the Boers had captured at a place between Dunsand and Leyland, and took also nine prisoners. One hundred of the British were killed in recovering the train. The *Frederick*, a Dutch man-of-war, is under orders to leave soon for Delagoa Bay.The *Donk* said that the Russian and French fleets are assuming a defiant attitude towards Britain. The Boers lost 600 killed and 400 wounded at Elandsdorp. The first attack of the Boers upon Glencoe failed because they made a mistake as to their army corps, and because two of the Boer leaders were assuming a defiant attitude towards Britain. The Boers lost 600 killed and 400 wounded at Elandsdorp. The first attack of the Boers upon Glencoe failed because they made a mistake as to their army corps, and because two of the Boer leaders were assuming a defiant attitude towards Britain.

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